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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A foodstuff for reducing nucleic acid damage in a companion animal, the foodstuff comprising a foodstuff composition containing vitamin E, vitamin C and a carotenoid, wherein the vitamin C is present at a concentration of from 10 mg/400kcal or above.

- 21. (Previously Presented) The foodstuff of claim 20 further containing taurine.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The foodstuff of claim 20, wherein the carotenoid is one or more of beta-carotene, lutein or lycopene.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The foodstuff of claim 20, wherein the vitamin E is present at a concentration of from 25IU/400kcal diet or above.
- 24. (Canceled)
- 25. (Previously Presented) The foodstuff of claim 20, wherein the carotenoid is present at a concentration of from 0.01mg/400kcal or above.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The foodstuff of claim 21, wherein the taurine is present at a concentration of from 80mg/400kcal or above.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The foodstuff of claim 20 wherein the foodstuff is selected from a group consisting of dry, wet, and semi-dry foodstuff and a supplement.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The foodstuff of claim 20, wherein the companion animal is selected from a group consisting of a cat, dog, horse, fish, bird, rabbit and guinea pig.

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